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I think an item difficult to inject in the MPLA process is the deep connection one feels with nature and the environment when fishing. While on the surface goals are laudable - preserving resources for the future - it is difficult to reconcile the need for preserves against other alternatives such as more rigorous enforcement of traditional fishing limits - seasons, take limits, etc.

Basically, the process smells like creating a huge park for the very few and the very elite. Admittedly resources are poorly managed in California. Fish and Game seems to base decisions on opinion rather than data.

But decisions such as banning salmon fishing (trolling, mooching) in MLPAs seems to affirm the goals of the process being affirming a radical redirection of resources to the few from the many fisherman in California.

I would applaud a process driven by correlating creation of reserves with the health of fishing stocks. But a process driven to creating permanent fences around public resources for the few is a slap in the face to the millions of fishermen in California.